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BERLIN

after success Anschl - Steps taken

1. With signing of Bonn-Paris treaties May of 52 ↑

Soviet intensified program insolate West Berlin

1) from Soviet Zone Germany

2) from East Berlin

2. Completed their rail, road and canal arteries so
as to permit by-passing of West Berlin for traffic
through Soviet Eastern Zone.

3. In Berlin: Recently -

a) 18 of cities 25 long distance connections cut.

b) West Germans prohibited from visiting farms
in Soviet zones and restrictions placed on all West
Berliners travelling in East Germany.

c) Traffic between West Berlin and Soviet
Zone Germany virtually closed (except for through roads
to West Germany.)

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d) Blocking of Western Sector from Eastern

Sector. Many of the 103 streets have been closed off and
26 of main arteries have "dips" forcing stopping for
inspection. *[Hard to close - 'miles -*

e) Work going forward which may eventually
result in complete barrier between two sections of
city.

f) Gas, water, electric power, automatic telephone
facilities now operate independently in East and
West sectors. (West Berlins water supply comes from
deep wells, which are independent of normal East
German action)

g) Sewage system function as unit.

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4. Bus and street car operate separately. Subway remains undisturbed but could operate separately. Elevated rail system now being split. (Elevated is property of East German Railways who operate and retain control of rolling stock.)
5. Day may be coming when West Berlin's 2,160,000 inhabitants will be practically isolated island. It is dependent on West for 90% of consumers goods and raw material. Over past 3 years aid to West Berlin total 9 million dollars, more than half financed by Bonn.
6. Unemployment figures fluctuate around 25%.
7. Bulk of food comes from West but still get sugar, potatoes and rye and some lignite from East Germany. (Even this may eventually be reduced to a smuggling basis.)

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CONCLUSIONS

1. West Berlin being steadily throttled but with no indication immediate dramatic move.
2. General stockpiling good for 6 months; Some commodities, such as fuel, good for almost a years reserve.
3. Means that we have some time for maneuver.

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PARATROOP ACTIVITY AT CANTON

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This is the first time that an element of the Chinese Communist 1st Paratroop division, a unit normally based in East China, has been noted in Kwangtung Province. The new activity near Canton, 90 miles from Hong Kong, suggests that part of the division is being trained as a mobile reserve to combat possible raids on the mainland.

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(Paratroops)

In his Sunday evening broadcast on 22 February, Walter Winchell made the following announcement: "Peiping: four thousand Red paratroopers have been flown to the Chinese coast opposite Formosa. The Nanking artillery class has been rushed south before graduation. General Mao's redistribution of troops adds up this way: 1,000,000 in Korea (OCI figure: 1,085,000 total Communist strength of which 795,000 are Chinese); 1,000,000 in the Korean reserves (OCI figure: 625,000 Chinese in Northeast China); and 750,000 on coastal defense (OCI figure: 405,000 regulars and 300,000 military district troops) from Canton to Shanghai."

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